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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 27, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2009 setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response until November 27, 2009.

This response is being filed prior to expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response so that an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, such as any extension of time and/or claim fee, the present reply should be considered to include the requisite Request for Extension of Time, and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee necessary to preserve the pendency of this application, including any required extension of time fee and/or any required claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and rejections are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks which follow:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.